

Then there is in the bill \$125 million for border security, including resources for Immigration and Naturalization Service facilities on the borders of the Nation, and for deploying the system for rapid response criminal background checks to 30 more ports.

The bill provides \$100 million for nuclear nonproliferation programs. The bill provides \$265 million for airport security, including \$100 million to help airports meet the new Federal standards for airport security.

The bill before the Senate provides \$200 million to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for food safety labs, additional food inspectors, and for vulnerability assessments for rural water systems.

The bill before the Senate provides \$100 million for the EPA to complete vulnerability assessments on the security of our water systems.

The bill before the Senate today provides \$286 million for other homeland defense items such as Secret Service efforts to combat electronic crime, FBI counterterrorism efforts, and funds for the Justice Department to develop an integrated information system.

The bill fully funds the President's \$4.4 billion request for the new transportation security administration.

The bill includes \$1.95 billion for international programs. We have included \$200 million for Israel and \$50 million for disaster assistance for the Palestinians.

The legislation contains \$1.069 billion for nonemergency programs, with offsets to pay for them. The major items include \$450 million for election reform grants, \$100 million for the global AIDS trust fund, and \$75 million for WIC. The bill also provides \$110 million for flood relief and \$55 million for Amtrak repairs and security.

I could go on, but Senators and the American people already know we are vulnerable, and in many instances they know where we are vulnerable: Anthrax, smallpox, dirty bombs, border security, nuclear labs, powerplants, cyber-security, food safety, airport security, drinking water.

So we do understand the gaps in our security structures. If we know where those gaps are, we can be sure terrorists know where they are.

Many decisions, large and small, lie ahead. One thing is certain: We cannot afford delay. So I urge Senators to offer amendments, debate, vote, and help members of the Appropriations Committee expedite this much-needed assistance for our Nation. We say, "May God bless America," but we can do a lot to help God to bless America.

We must quickly enact this bipartisan effort to bolster our weaknesses, address our shortfalls, and protect American lives.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DORGAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for a period not to exceed 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDE LILLY

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I congratulate Mrs. Jude Lilly for receiving the Wildwood Programs Volunteer of the Year Award.

Jude has worked for Wildwood programs for more than fourteen years. In that time she has selflessly dedicated herself to help enable children and adults with neurologically-based learning disabilities, autism, and other developmental disorders to lead independent, productive and fulfilling lives.

The presentation of this award recognizes Jude for all that she does outside of the office as a volunteer. Two years ago she began the Pet Therapy Program. The program involves disabled young adults taking dogs to nursing homes to visit with senior citizens. As the creator of the program, Jude has created a means by which these young adults can give back to their community. The program brings immense value to all parties involved as they benefit from the time they spend with one another.

Jude's hard work is a tribute to her profession. Her ability, dedication, and desire to serve all members of the community is commendable. It is an honor and a privilege for me to congratulate her for receiving this award.

##### TRIBUTE TO RADIO HOST MIKE MARTEL

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I honor a veteran of the radio broadcast industry, Mr. Mike Martel. He will be sorely missed on the "WOKQ Morning Waking Crew."

As a Dover native, Mike has been in the New Hampshire broadcasting field for 30 years. The WOKQ morning show has received two nominations in as many years from the Country Music Association in the small market category for best on air personalities. The award winning WOKQ is heard daily in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and Canada. Mike's witty humor and sense for broadcasting lead him to the creation of the wildly famous "Joke du Jour." Mike's program is at the top of my list for radio listening; the great music and great conversation make for a favorite. The airwaves of New Hampshire will never be the same without Mike.

After retiring on May 31 this year, Mike plans on spending more time with

his wife Joanne and will continue serving the community by volunteering for local charities and organizations. It is truly an honor to serve Mike Martel in the U.S. Senate.

##### STUDENTS OF MOULTONBOROUGH ACADEMY

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I honor the ingenuity of the ten member biology team from Moultonborough Academy upon winning the national portion of a three-part competition in the "Future Car Congress" event.

The direction these students are taking is exactly what is needed to ensure the conservation of our environment. These new forms of fuel that are being developed will be in high demand in the near future.

These 10 bright students are following and perhaps even forging the future of fuel technology. The pressing issues that face us as a civilization will be drastically and positively affected by the advancements from young people like these. It is a wonderful thing to see students working so diligently on projects that have the potential to benefit all of humanity. I commend these young people on a great accomplishment and encourage them to continue in their pursuit of a better technology.

It is an honor representing Michelle Merritz, Jackie Carr, Kristen Berry, Christine Adamczyk, Sarah Nelson, MaryAnn Remson, Jeff Pelligrino, Bryan Burbank, Casey Doyle, Katelyn Adams, and teacher Dave Severance in the U.S. Senate.

##### VETERAN MAJOR MAURICE DINNEMAN RECEIVES HONORS

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Major Maurice Dinneman for his service in the United States Armed Forces. The Major's bravery and dedication to this country are examples of his exemplary character and worthiness for recognition.

For his outstanding service in the Army, from January 10, 1942 until February 4, 1946, Major Dinneman will be receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one bronze star, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Honorable Service Lapel Button. It is doubtless that without the efforts of men like Major Dinneman Americans would be living a vastly different life. The dedication and heroism displayed is a small indication of the character of this man. We, as a nation, are indebted to Major Dinneman. We enjoy many freedoms and an enriching life because of the sacrifices he made. It is seldom that we take the time to honor these forgotten heroes. America is what it is today because of the bravery of this man.